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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ISSUE A  
COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP IN HONOR OF ALFRED AHOLO APAKA.

1 WHEREAS, Alfred Aholo Apaka was born on March 19, 1919, in  
2 Honolulu on the island of Oahu in the Territory of Hawaii and  
3 was a renowned Hawaii vocalist and engaging performer whose  
4 music has been a lasting presence delighting listeners and  
5 nurturing an appreciation for hapa haole music, a Hawaii-born  
6 and -inspired music genre featuring songs about Hawaii or some  
7 aspect of Hawaiian culture with English lyrics; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the son of Alfred A. Apaka, Sr., who was himself  
10 an accomplished musician, and the grandnephew of Lydia  
11 Ka'onohiponiponiokalani Aholo, who was the hānai daughter of  
12 Queen Liliuokalani, Alfred Apaka's musical influences began  
13 early in life; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Alfred Apaka's early musical training and  
16 performances included playing the ukulele and string bass and  
17 singing in the Roosevelt High School chorus and the Mormon  
18 Church choir; and  
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20 WHEREAS, with his romantic baritone vocals and appealing  
21 performances, Alfred Apaka is known as "The Golden Voice of  
22 Hawaii"; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Alfred Apaka performed his first professional  
25 engagement as a singer for Don McDiarmid, Sr. at the Royal  
26 Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki in 1938; two years later he performed  
27 as part of Ray Kinney's band at the Hotel Lexington in New York  
28 City and made "Hawaii's Charm," his first recording under his  
29 own name; and  
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31 WHEREAS, Alfred Apaka's music extended beyond Hawaii's  
32 shores where it garnered interest and appreciation from people  
33 nationally and worldwide; and



1 WHEREAS, Alfred Apaka performed on Bob Hope's national  
2 television show and Bing Crosby's radio show, recorded with the  
3 Andrews Sisters and Danny Steward and His Islanders for Decca  
4 Records, and was featured in appearances on Ed Sullivan's Talk  
5 of The Town and The Dinah Shore Show; and  
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7 WHEREAS, after making other recordings and performing in  
8 numerous locations on the mainland United States, Alfred Apaka  
9 returned to Hawaii to work at Henry Kaiser's Hawaiian Village  
10 Hotel in Waikiki, where he entertained Hawaii residents and  
11 visitors; and  
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13 WHEREAS, one of the greatest Hawaiian vocalists of the  
14 Twentieth Century, Alfred Apaka's remarkable career was cut  
15 short by death from a heart attack in 1960 at the young age of  
16 40, but to this day, he remains a cultural icon with fans around  
17 the world; and  
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19 WHEREAS, Alfred Apaka's music and talents have endured with  
20 such memorable recordings as "Aloha Oe," "Sleepy Lagoon," "I  
21 Will Remember You," "Hawaiian Wedding Song," "Far Across the  
22 Sea," "Forever," and "Hapa Haole Hula Girl"; and  
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24 WHEREAS, in 1999, an album of Alfred Apaka's lost  
25 recordings was released as "Lost Recordings of Hawaii's Golden  
26 Voice," which was subsequently awarded the prestigious Na Hoku  
27 Hanohano Award; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Alfred Apaka's legacy continues to promote Hawaii  
30 worldwide and unify people through shared appreciation and bonds  
31 of his lasting music; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service recognizes the  
34 lives and accomplishments of outstanding Americans with  
35 commemorative postage stamps; and  
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37 WHEREAS, March 19, 1919, marks the centennial of Alfred  
38 Aholo Apaka's birth, and his musical contributions to Hawaii,  
39 the nation, and the world are worthy of recognition and honor  
40 through a United States Postal Service commemorative postage  
41 stamp; and



1 WHEREAS, a stamp commemorating Alfred Apaka's birth  
2 centennial would be only the second commemorative stamp issued  
3 to honor a Native Hawaiian and Polynesian-American; now,  
4 therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
7 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the United  
8 States Postal Service is requested to issue a commemorative  
9 postage stamp recognizing Alfred Aholo Apaka; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Postal  
12 Service is requested to first release the commemorative stamp in  
13 Waikiki, the place where Alfred Apaka established himself as a  
14 performer, and then to the rest of the nation; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii are urged  
17 to support this effort to recognize Alfred Apaka for his  
18 accomplishments and talents that bring pride to our State and  
19 Nation and continue to forge goodwill through the love and  
20 enjoyment of music; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Postmaster General of the  
24 United States; Chair of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee;  
25 Postmaster General of Hawaii; members of Hawaii's Congressional  
26 Delegation; the Governor; and Mayors of the City and County of  
27 Honolulu, and Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui.  
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